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---- SITUATION REPORT NO. 3 BIOGRAPHIC ADDENDUM

WHITE HOUSE PASS TO PALM SPRINGS FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER.

FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHY OF LT. GENERAL NGUYEN CAO KY

NGUYEN CAO KY WAS BORN IN SON TAY, NEAR HA NOI, IN 1930. HE ATTENDED THE MILITARY SCHOOL IN 1948-52 IN NAN DIAH, THEN JOINED THE AIR FORCE. HE JOINED THE COUP AGAINST DIEM IN 1963 AND WAS PROMOTED TO COLONEL AND GIVEN COMMAND OF THE VIET-NAM AIR FORCE THEREAFTER. IN JUNE 1965, WHEN THE COLLECTIVE MILITARY LEADERSHIP TOOK POWER, KY WAS NAMED PRIME MINISTER.

KY'S HARDLINE ANTI-COMMUNIST VIEWS DO NOT DIFFER MUCH FROM PRESIDENT THIEU'S, BUT PERSONALITY DIFFERENCES AND CONFLICTING AMBITIONS HAVE MADE THEM RIVALS. IN 1965 KY RELUCTANTLY POSTPONED HIS OWN PRESIDENTIAL AMBITIONS, TO AVOID SPLITTING THE RVN MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT, AND RAN AS VICE PRESIDENT WITH THIEU.

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DURING THIEU'S FIRST TERM HE LOST INFLUENCE AND POWER.

HE ANNOUNCED AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 1971,

BUT WITHDREW, CLAIMING THIEU WOULD RIG THE ELECTION.

IN 1971 KY RETURNED TO THE MILITARY, WITHOUT A REAL JOB. HE HAS RETAINED AN INTEREST IN POLITICS, FEELING THAT HE COULD RUN THE ANTI-COMMUNIST STRUGGLE BETTER THAN THIEU, BUT DISCLAIMING COUP AMBITIONS. HE UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR U.S. AID BUT HAS SOUGHT TO APPEAR INDEPENDENT OF THE U.S. AND HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF MANY ASPECTS OF U.S. POLICY.

BIOGRAPHY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TRAN VAN LAM

SENATOR TRAN VAN LAM WAS BORN IN CHI LON, THE CHINATOWN OF SAIGON, IN 1913. HE IS A WEALTHY PHARMACIST. HE HELD SEVERAL ELECTIVE AND APPOINTIVE POSTS IN THE DIEM ERA, WAS POLITICALLY INACTIVE FROM 1963 TO 1967, AND WAS ELECTED TO THE SENATE IN 1967. IN SEPTEMBER, 1969 HE WAS APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER. IN 1973 HE WAS RE-ELECTED TO THE SENATE AND THAN ELECTED ITS PRESIDENT. LAM IS CATHOLIC AND STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST, AND IS OFTEN MENTIONED AS A FUTURE PRIME MINISTER, SHOULD IT BECOME APPROPRIATE TO APPOINT A CIVILIAN. INGERSOLL

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